

TRANSCRIPTION - ORIGINAL FOLLOWS

2. YOU SHOULD REPLY TO OSMAN'S QUESTIONS ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

-- WE HAVE DETECTED UNUSUAL ACTIVITIES NORTH OF THE OXUS INDICATIVE OF PREPARATION FOR POSSIBLE MOVEMENT OUT OF [ILLEG] BY SOME AIRBORNE UNITS. THIS COULD BE RELATED TO DEVELOPMENTS IN AFGHANISTAN BUT THERE IS NO DIRECT EVIDENCE OF IT. WE HAVE NOT OBSERVED A BUILDUP OF SOVIET FORCES NORTH OF THE BORDER.

-- WE HAVE NOT DRAWN ANY CONCLUSION THAT SOVIETS INTEND TO MOVE ANY LARGER FORCES INTO AFGHANISTAN AT THIS TIME, BUT WE NEVERTHELESS FIND THIS INCREASED ACTIVITY DISTURBING.

-- INITIAL SOVIET COMMENT ON THE RECENT CHANGES IN KABUL, INCLUDING BREZNEV'S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO AMIN, HAVE BEEN RESTRAINED, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THE SOVIETS HAVE LITTLE CHOICE BUT TO SUPPORT AMIN, AT LEAST IN THE SHORT TERM.

-- WE HAVE DISCUSSED OUR VIEWS ABOUT INTERVENTION WITH THE SOVIETS IN THE PAST. AS FOR RECENT SIGNS OF [WORDS ILLEG] - UP MILITARY ACTIVITY NORTH OF THE USSR-AFGHAN BORDER, WE ARE STILL CONSIDERING WHAT ACTIONS BEYOND OUR PUBLIC STATEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 10 MIGHT BE EFFECTIVE.

-- IN PAST DISCUSSIONS, SOVIETS HAVE NOT DEPARTED FROM MOSCOW'S PUBLIC LINE THAT THEY ARE NOT INTERVENING IN AFGHANISTAN NOR PARTICIPATING IN THE FIGHTING THERE. SOVIET ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN IS [ILLEG] IN THE SOVIET [ILLEG] AS A STATEMENT [WORDS ILLEG].

3. FOR ISLAMABAD: YOU ARE INFO [WORDS AND LINES ILLEG]

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